

NOTICES

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, by Miss M. V. Woodgate (Browne and Nolan, 12s. 6d.), is a particularly fine example of how to tell the story of a saint. This biography is almost like historical fiction. It is just as fascinating and has the advantage that it is all true. St Vincent de Paul is a superb subject for a biography. Miss Woodgate has enthusiastically seized every opportunity and the result is an excellent presentation of the astonishing Monsieur Vincent as he really was.

WINGS ON MY SUITCASE (Allan Wingate, 18s.) is a collection of personal adventures of air hostesses introduced and edited by Mr Jerrard Tickell. There are twenty different stories and each one is well worth telling. Their range is world-wide. This is good escapist reading. It is also salutary reading for those who travel by air. It is to be hoped that Mr Tickell will produce many more books of this kind.

MORE THAN MANY A SPARROW, by Leo J. Trese (Geoffrey Chapman, 10s. 6d.), is a sharp-shooting type of meditation book. The crisp reflections, the blunt advice, the pitiless unveilings of weaknesses and self-deceptions give the impression of a spiritual machine-gunning of the soul; unusual, and rather exhilarating.

MY LADY MIRIAM, by Mélanie Marnias, is translated from the French by Sydney A. Raemers (The Newman Press, \$3.75). It is a careful and reverently written reconstruction of the life of our Lady interwoven into its historical background. Dr Raemers concludes with four interesting chapters.

WORLDS APART, by Tudor Edwards (Longmans, 25s.), is a tour of European monasteries. It is in every sense a grand tour. After an illuminating and remarkably succinct appreciation of the religious orders, Mr Edwards takes the reader on a conducted tour of well-known and quite often of little-known religious houses. He is a very good guide and an agreeable travelling companion.

Associated Newspapers Limited, London, have paid a noteworthy tribute to H.H. Pope John XXIII in their **THE NEW POPE**. Mr Maurice Quinlan describes the conclave, the election and coronation. The book is well produced with many photographs and a very striking red, gold and white cover. It is well worth the three and sixpence asked for it.

GIVE ME SOULS, by Sister M. Bernatta Quinn, O.S.F. (The Newman

Press, \$3.75), is a biography of the late Cardinal Merry del Val. It has the distinction of a preface by the Spanish Ambassador to the Netherlands, the Marqués de Merry del Val. The latter designates this evocation of the Cardinal's life as 'excellent and extremely well-informed'.

In a pleasant little phantasy *THE CHRONICLE OF THOMAS FRITH*, O.P. (Blackfriars Publications, 13s. 6d.), S.M.C. has given a stirring narrative of an imaginary journey from England to the Near East in the middle of the thirteenth century by an English Dominican who meets many great saints of the Order then working in Poland, Hungary and Russia. Brother Thomas is present at the death of St Hyacinth, he witnesses miracles by St Margaret, and he had studied at Sanodomir under Blessed Sadoc, afterwards martyred with his community of forty friars. Even if the task of combining fact and fiction at times seems almost too difficult, nevertheless the authoress does succeed in achieving her aim to give a vivid picture of Christian and infidel in a death struggle which is still going on in those same countries of eastern Europe.

BOOKS RECEIVED

- Blackfriars Publications*. Columba Ryan, O.P.: *How to Pray*, 1s. 6d.
Bles. Jacques Maritain: *On the Philosophy of History*, 15s.
Bloomsbury Publishing Co. Basil Whelan, O.S.B.: *Happiness with God*, 12s. 6d.
Browne & Nolan. G. Montague: *Problems in the Liturgy*, 40s.; Sister M. Bertrand Degnan: *Mercy unto Thousands*, 25s.
Burns & Oates. A. Crogaert: *The Mass, a Liturgical Commentary*, vol. 1, *The Mass of the Catechumens*, 30s.; (with Macmillan) *The Shorter Knox Bible*, 10s. 6d.; (with Herder & Herder) *A Catholic Catechism*, cheap edition, uncoloured, 10s. 6d., coloured 30s.; F. Copleston, S.J.: *A History of Philosophy*, vol. 5—*Hobbes to Hume*, 30s.; R. Jolivet: *The God of Reason*; W. d'Ormesson: *The Papacy*; Drioton, Contenau and Duchesne-Guillemain: *Religions of the Ancient East*; F. Cayre, A.A.: *The First Spiritual Writers, Faith and Fact books*, 7s. 6d. each.
Society of Catholic College Teachers of Sacred Doctrine. *Proceedings of the Fourth Annual Meeting*, \$3.00.
Editions du Cerf. Yves M.-J. Congar, O.P.: *Le Mystère du Temple*, n.p.; *Si vous êtes mes témoins*, 570fr.; C. Layron: *Jusqu' à l'autre rive*, 630fr.; A.-M. Cocagnac, O.P.: *Chansons bibliques*, *Recueil No. 3*, 120 fr.; *Bible de Jérusalem*, nouvelle édition: *Les Nombres*, n.p.; *Josué*, n.p.; *Judith, Esther*, 540 fr.; *Les Actes des Apôtres*, 810 fr.; *Les Epîtres de saint Paul aux Galates, aux Romains*, 540 fr.; *Aux Corinthiens*, 480 fr.
Council of Christians and Jews. C. E. Raven: *Tolerance and Religion (The Robert Waley Cohen Memorial Lecture, 1958)*, 2s.
Constable. J. G. Schwandner: *Calligraphy*, 80s.
Dennis Dobson. Eric Werner: *The Sacred Bridge*, 90s.
Epworth Press. J. Southworth: *The Two Trees*, 3s. 6d.
Gill. Sister Geneviève of the Holy Face (Céline Martin): *A Memoir of my Sister St Thérèse*, 15s.
Gollancz. Allen Wheelis: *The Quest for Identity*, 21s.
B. Herder. *The Church Teaches, Documents of the Church in English Translation*, \$5.75, 43s.; H. D. Gardeil, O.P.: *Introduction to the Philosophy of St Thomas Aquinas, II—*